

cooking calendar

Area chefs and cooks are represented among the 10 finalists in Michigan's "Souper Bowl" contest.

Finalists in the professional category include Terence Shuster of the Fox and Hounds in Bloomfield Hills; Craig Common of Charley's Restaurant group, headquartered in Farmington Hills; Lorraine Platman of Sweet Lorraine's Cafe in Southfield; Ron Nicol of Les Antares in Royal Oak; and David Phillips of the Wharfside in Charlevoix.

Five top amateur chef soup recipes were submitted by Virginia

Karnafel of Redford (her recipe is for a One Pot Chowder), Gail Bliss of Ann Arbor, Barbara Palin of Gaylord, Mina De Kraker of Holland and Dorothy Wonnacott of Elk Rapids.

The finalists will serve their soups to a panel of final judges Thursday at Kalamazoo's Black Swan Inn. One winner will be named in both the professional and amateur categories and each receives \$500.

Preliminary judges were Ethel Simmons, food editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers; Evelyn Cairns, food editor, Heritage News-

papers; and Jean Sarna, test kitchen director, Detroit Free Press.

The American Dairy Association offers "Pairing Cheese and . . ." a detailed guide which offers an array of ideas for entertaining.

Cheese goes well with a variety of deli meats, bread, fruit and wine. Suggestions are given for several popular varieties of cheese. The information is presented in easy-to-read chart form. For a copy, send 35 cents plus a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope: Pairing Cheese and . . . American Dairy Association,

P.O. Box 760, Rosemont, Ill. 60018.

Also available is a leaflet offering recipes that are quick, fresh and lower in fat and calories. Recipe preparation is fast in the microwave.

Some dishes do not require cooking. Dairy products are teamed with fresh produce, pasta and a few convenience products for dishes from appetizers to desserts.

Send 25 cents plus a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope to: Light 'N' Easy, American Dairy Association, same address as above.

clarification

Larry Janes offers follow-up comments on the "Gordon girls" pirog story (Taste, Monday, May 7.)

Some readers called to say that pirog was misspelled and that it should read "pirogi." While we're

not disagreeing with you (and especially those of you with Polish heritage), Webster's New World Dictionary clearly spells pirog without an "e," but does offer the version with the "e" as an alternate.

Also, a few readers requested additional information on filling the pi-

rog. As per the Gordon family recipe, they enjoy pirog filled with sauerkraut, potato or cheese. You can use 1 tablespoon of drained kraut, 1 tablespoon seasoned mashed or fried potatoes, or 1 tablespoon cottage cheese, ricotta or other cheese. You also can use a mixture of any two.

The pirog then can be cooked in rapidly boiling, lightly salted water or broth for 4-6 minutes, or pan fried in lard, oil, margarine or butter over medium heat until lightly golden. Traditionally, pirog is served with sour cream.

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